



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: No-Parking Zone, Woodhaven Lane at Turner Road

MEETING DATE: April 16, 1997

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution to install a 220-foot no-parking zone on Woodhaven Lane at Turner Road to improve visibility of the traffic signal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Over the past few months, the Public Works Department has received several requests to remove the truck parking along Woodhaven Lane north of Turner Road. The concern was that two trucks parked at the intersection block the view of the traffic signal for the motorists traveling southbound on Woodhaven Lane. We have also received a request from the Wine and Roses Country Inn to restrict commercial vehicle parking for aesthetics reasons. There have been no accidents caused by the two trucks blocking the view of the signal. The following report addresses the existing parking restrictions, commercial vehicle parking regulations and recommendations.

Existing Restriction

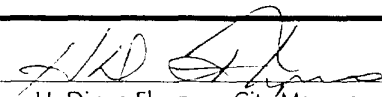
Currently, there is a 280-foot no-parking zone on the west side of Woodhaven Lane that begins approximately 220 feet north of Turner Road, as shown in Exhibit A. City Council approved this restriction in 1990 at the request of Wine and Roses Country Inn. The restriction was requested due to the noise created by the trucks parked adjacent to the Inn. Vehicles are allowed to park from Turner Road to 220 feet north of Turner Road.

Commercial Vehicle Parking Regulations

Currently, commercial vehicle parking in the City is regulated under Lodi Municipal Code (LMC) Sections 10.52.050 and 10.52.080 (Exhibit B). Per Section 10.52.050, commercial vehicle parking is not allowed in any residentially zoned areas. Section 10.52.080 further prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles within 250 feet of a residentially zoned area if either the vehicle's engine or refrigerator unit will be operated between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Commercial vehicles being loaded or unloaded are exempt from the restrictions of these ordinances. Since Wine and Roses Country Inn is not residentially zoned, commercial vehicle parking is permitted other than in the area posted "no parking".

The City has used another commercial vehicle restriction that prohibits vehicles over 6 feet high from parking near an intersection. LMC Section 10.44.070 and California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22507 allow for the parking restriction of any vehicles 6 or more feet in height within 100 feet of an intersection to improve sight distance. This restriction has been installed on Cherokee Lane at Almond Drive and at Harold Street, Century Boulevard at Scarborough Drive, and Kettleman Lane at Beckman Road.

APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

The City has also installed a time-limit parking restriction for commercial vehicles on Elm Street west of Ham Lane adjacent to Lakewood Mall. City Council approved this parking restriction primarily for aesthetic reasons based on the property manager's request. The restriction prohibits trucks from parking along this segment between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Analysis/Recommendation

Staff performed a study to analyze the view of the traffic signal. The results showed that approximately 210 feet of no-parking is needed for the southbound motorists to view both signal heads. This is based on the continuous visibility distance recommended in the Federal Highway Administration publication, *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. Staff has observed two trucks parked along Woodhaven Lane on several occasions. This 210 feet would leave a 10-foot parking zone between the existing parking restriction and this restriction to improve visibility.

Given the observed frequency of truck parking and the impaired visibility of the signal due to the bend on Woodhaven Lane, staff recommends installing a 220-foot no-parking zone. Since more than 100 feet are needed, staff does not recommend installing the "6 feet high" parking restriction combined with a no-parking zone restriction. Eventually, when traffic increases, the no-parking zone will be necessary to accommodate the additional lanes Woodhaven Lane was designed to have.

Staff did consider installing an additional near-side signal head for the southbound approach at the northeast corner. However, two signal heads should be visible and the other two heads would still be blocked by parked trucks. The estimated cost to install the additional signal head is approximately \$2,500. Staff does not recommend this alternative.

The innkeepers of Wine and Roses Country Inn have also requested removal of trucks on Woodhaven Lane all day. According to the City Attorney, this restriction cannot be legally done unless it is within 100 feet of an intersection (LMC 10.44.070 and CVC 22507). City Council has the authority to restrict truck parking during certain hours but not all day. Staff has contacted the innkeepers and they concur with the no-parking recommendation.

FUNDING: Funding source is from Street Maintenance Account. The estimated cost is \$175 for one no-parking sign and post.



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Attachments

cc: City Attorney
Police Chief
Street Superintendent
Associate Traffic Engineer
Concerned Citizens
Wine and Roses Country Inn, Del Smith

RESOLUTION NO. 97-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A 220-FOOT NO-PARKING ZONE
ON WOODHAVEN LANE AT TURNER ROAD

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RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the installation of a 220-foot no-parking zone on Woodhaven Lane at Turner Road, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Dated: April 16, 1997

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 97-49 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 16, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS -

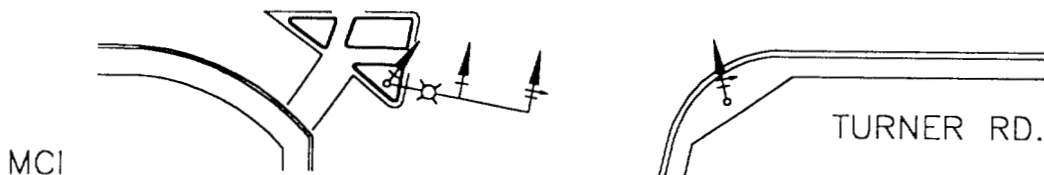
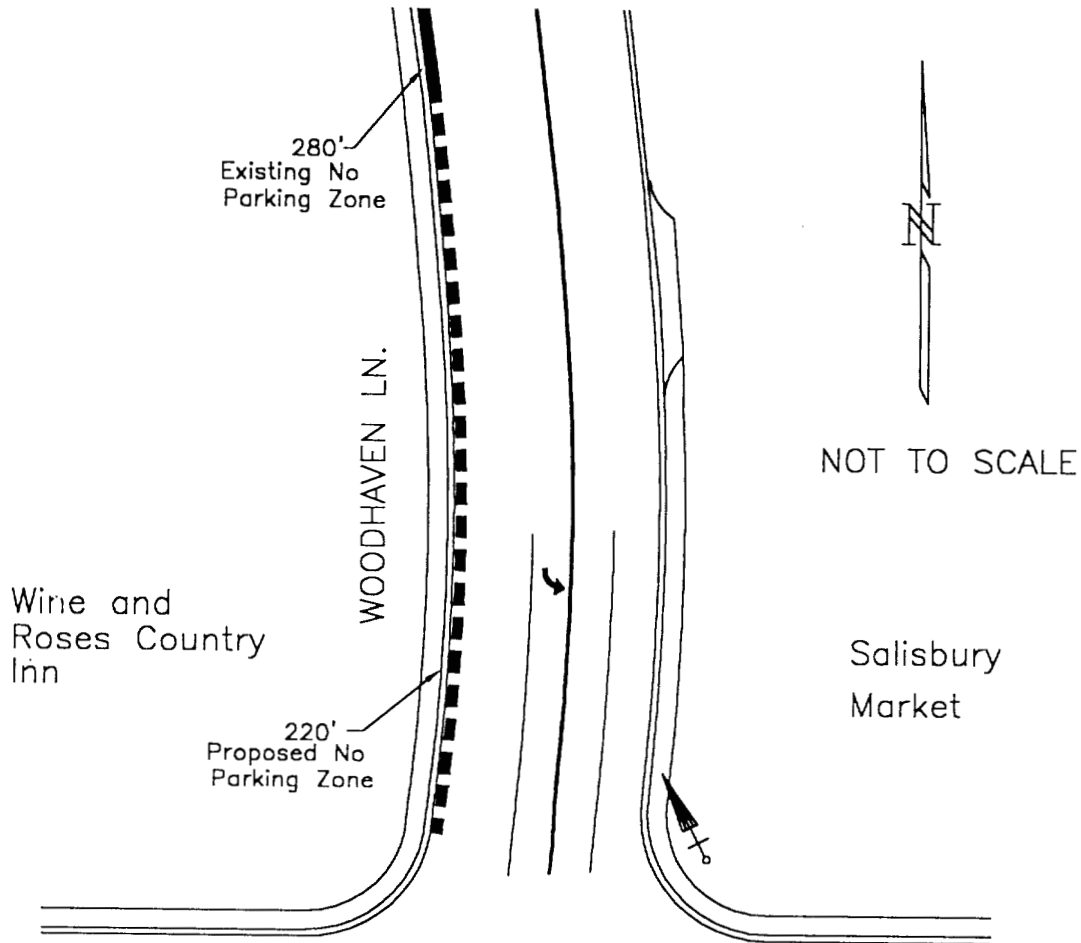
JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Woodhaven Ln.
North of Turner Rd.
Proposed No Parking Zone



LEGEND

- ◀+ - Existing traffic signal head
- ◀+ - Existing traffic signal head (left turn)
- ◀+ - New traffic signal head

Apartments

Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions

10.52.050 Parking Restrictions

A. It is unlawful to park a commercial vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight of ten thousand pounds on any street in a residential district. For the purposes of this section, "residential district" means residentially zoned areas designated by the city zoning code (any "R" district) and includes schools, parks, playgrounds, community centers, churches, museums, golf courses (excluding miniature golf courses) and similar recreational uses of a noncommercial nature, and public utility service buildings where they are located in a residential district.

B. This section shall not prohibit parking of commercial vehicles in the process of being loaded or unloaded.

10.52.080 Parking Noise Restrictions.

A. It is unlawful on any public right of way to stop, park or leave standing for more than five consecutive minutes, a commercial vehicle exceeding a maximum gross vehicle weight rating of ten thousand pounds within two hundred fifty feet of a residential district while operating diesel and/or auxiliary engines between the hours of ten p.m. and seven a.m. Auxiliary engines include but are not limited to refrigerator units. This distance shall be measured in a straight line within the public right-of-way from the engine to the nearest point on the district boundary. (i.e., not around corners or through private property. The term "residential district" is as defined in L.M.C. Section 10.52.050(A). (Vehicle Code 22507)

B. This section shall not prohibit parking of commercial vehicles in the process of being loaded or unloaded.

C. This section shall not apply to parking on state highways.